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MEMORANDUM FOR THE AMBASSADOR

Subject: General The Troops

1. About 1200 hours today, I saw two truckloads of troops (about 35 men) leaving General Trinh Minh The's quarters located on Eyriaud des Vergnes near rue Jaureguiberry. They drove in a westerly direction towards Cholon. By the time I turned around and bucked the noon traffic, I had lost sight of the two-truck convoy. I only saw six other troops which might have been The's in this vicinity, so I presume the two truckloads were the troops the French were worried about.

2. The has mentioned the employment of his troops in an flank movement against the Binh Xuyen. These troops today might be part of that force, and were receiving instructions from him on their way from Giadinh towards the West. The trucks bore Vietnamese Army markings.

3. I will have detailed information later today.

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